

# The Insider

## There's summer fun throughout the Michigan Historical Museum System

Through October 9

### Movers and Seekers: Michigan Immigrants and Migrants.

Discover the stories of people, young and old, who left their distant homes for a new life in Michigan. In the first-floor special exhibit gallery. Michigan Historical Museum, Lansing.

June 18 - August 19

**Fort Wilkins, 1870: A Living History Experience.** Role-playing interpreters bring history to life at the 1844 fort. Fort Wilkins, Copper Harbor. 9:30 A.M. to 5 P.M., daily.

June 19

### Iron, Steel and the Automobile.

The 16th annual antique auto exhibit displays a variety of vintage vehicles! Michigan Iron Industry Museum, Negaunee. Noon to 4 P.M.

June 25

**Celebrating the CCC!** Enjoy family activities exploring the successful Depression-era program. Civilian Conservation Corps Museum, Roscommon. 11 A.M. to 4 P.M.

June 28

**The Eh, B, Cs of Upper Peninsula Dialects.** Michigan Iron Industry Museum, Negaunee. 2 P.M.

July 16 - 17

**Shield of Steel: The Arsenal of Democracy.** This World War II encampment helps you discover the vital role played during the war by the Upper Peninsula's residents and iron ranges. Michigan Iron Industry Museum, Negaunee. Events begin 9:30 A.M. both days.

July 16 - 17

**Civil War Reenactment.** The sights and sounds of the Civil War come to the Irish Hills. Walker Tavern, Brooklyn. Events begin at 10 A.M. each day.

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## Capitol hosts Swainson Awards



(l-r) Kendall Wingrove, Nancy Darga and Tom Wibert received their 2005 Swainson Awards at a ceremony at the State Capitol.

The Michigan Historical Commission has named three people to receive the prestigious Swainson Award, given to public employees who have gone outside of their everyday jobs to make significant contributions to the preservation of Michigan's past.

"Without the commitment of individuals such as these," says Steven K. Hamp, president of the Michigan Historical Commission and director of The Henry Ford, "important, instructive and illuminating aspects of Michigan's past would certainly be lost."

On May 26, 2005, well-wishers and history enthusiasts gathered in the State Capitol

rotunda to watch the presentation of the tenth annual Swainson Awards. Dr. William Anderson, director of the Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries, presented the award to:

**Nancy Darga, Recreation Commissioner for Northville Township and City.** Darga, former chief of design for the Wayne County Parks

Division, spent more than 25 years assembling an archives of artifacts and photos that chronicle the beginning of the Good Roads Movement and the development of the first county park system. She rescued more than 1,000 photos and slides that had been thrown out, restored many of them at her own expense and then set up an archives for the Wayne County Department of Public Service. Despite political pressure, Darga registered four of the Ford Village Industry plants along the Rouge River as historic sites and established public tours and presentations on Michigan's unique contributions to the auto industry, labor and civil rights. She is a founding mem-

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## Revised marker guide available

Just in time for the summer travel season, the long-awaited revised guide to Michigan Historical Markers is now on bookstore shelves and at the Michigan Historical Museum Store.

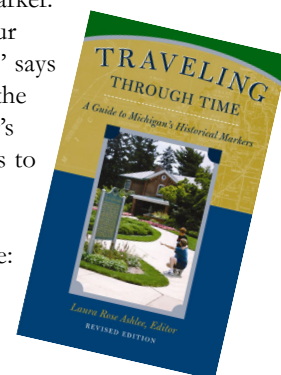
*Traveling Through Time: A Guide to Michigan's Historical Markers* is the definitive illustrated guide to nearly 1,500 Michigan historic sites designated by a state historical marker.

"Historical markers draw us into the history that can be found in our neighborhoods, along highways and in city centers throughout the state," says Laura Rose Ashlee, editor of *Traveling Through Time* and coordinator of the Michigan Historical Marker program for the Michigan Historical Center's State Historic Preservation Office. "The goal of *Traveling Through Time* is to make it easier for travelers and history buffs to make that connection to the past."

*Traveling Through Time* is a handy reference with features that include:

- Location and full text of each marker
- Arranged alphabetically within county chapters
- More than 85 historic and color photographs
- Special section on Michigan historical markers placed outside Michigan

First published in 1991 by *Michigan History* magazine, the 2005 edition of *Traveling Through Time* is published by the University of Michigan Press. The book retails for \$22.95; proceeds will benefit the Michigan Historical Center's historic preservation programs.



SUMMER FUN *continued*

July 16 - 17

**Wood Shaving Days.** Hartwick Pines Logging Museum, Grayling. Events begin 10 A.M. both days.

July 19

**Danger from Below: Caving Grounds.** Michigan Iron Industry Museum, Negaunee. 2 P.M.

July 23

**Vintage Baseball, Game 1.** Take in a 19th-century baseball game. Hartwick Pines Logging Museum, Grayling. 1 P.M.

July 26

**So Cold a Sky...Uncovering Upper Michigan Weather History.** Michigan Iron Industry Museum, Negaunee. 2 P.M.

August 2

**The Making of Small U.P. Mining Towns - A Documentary.** Michigan Iron Industry Museum, Negaunee. 2 P.M.

August 5 - 7

**25th Annual Civil War Living History Encampment.** This event is so popular, we've added another day! Fort Wilkins, Copper Harbor. Events begin at 8 A.M. each day.

August 9

**The Outlook for Ethnicity: FinnGrandFest 2005 as a Mirror to the Past and Future.** Michigan Iron Industry Museum, Negaunee. 2 P.M.

August 13

**Fayette Heritage Day.** Come celebrate the fun side of 19th-century life. Fayette Historic Townsite, Garden. Noon to 5 P.M.

August 13

**Forest Fest.** Hartwick Pines Logging Museum, Grayling. 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

## Friends help out in the U.P.

On May 15, 2005, local dignitaries and members of the Michigan Iron Industry Museums Future Historians group grabbed shovels and dug into the earth, beginning a new chapter for the museum and for Michigan history.

The expansion of the Michigan Iron Industry Museum in Negaunee had begun.

Four years ago, the museum introduced "Forging Our Future," a capital campaign to expand the Michigan Iron Industry Museum and transform it into a year-round facility. With more than \$872,000 raised, the museum decided to initiate Phase I construction while continuing fund-raising efforts.

Those fund-raising efforts were given a boost at the groundbreaking ceremony by the Friends of Michigan History. Board member Geneva Wiskemann and president Francis R. "Bus" Spaniola traveled to the Upper Peninsula to make a significant contribution to the "Forging Our Future" capital campaign on behalf of the group.

You can follow the progress of the Michigan Iron Industry Museum's expansion project by visiting the Michigan Historical Center home page at [www.michiganhistory.org](http://www.michiganhistory.org).



Left to right: Friends of Michigan History board member Geneva Wiskemann and Friends president Francis R. "Bus" Spaniola present a \$1,000 check to U.P. museum regional manager Tom Friggens and Michigan Historical Museum System director Phil Kwiatkowski for the Michigan Iron Industry Museum's "Forging Our Future" capital campaign.

## Member benefit spotlight

Your Friends of Michigan History member card gives you access to the benefits of the Time Travelers program, so like the old ad used to say, don't leave home without it.

Museums and historical societies in 43 states participate in the Time Travelers program. In Michigan, participating institutions include the Detroit Historical Museum and the Public Museum of Grand Rapids.

### Time Travelers participants may offer:

- \*Complimentary or discounted museum publication
- \*Free or discounted admission
- \*Gift shop discount
- \*Free parking
- \*Discounted special events
- \*Restaurant discount

Time Travelers is a program of the Missouri Historical Society. To obtain a complete list of participating museums and historical societies, send an e-mail message to [museuminfo@michigan.gov](mailto:museuminfo@michigan.gov).

## Annual meeting results

The Friends of Michigan History, Inc., held its annual meeting on June 13, 2005, at the Michigan Historical Center in Lansing. At that time, the Nominations Committee put forward a roster of names for consideration to serve on the Friends board of directors for terms expiring on June 30, 2006.

The following members were elected to serve on the Friends board during the coming year:

- Vice president, David H. Brickey, Lansing
- Secretary, E. Chris Dancisak, Lansing
- Treasurer, Richard S. Johnson, East Lansing
- Charles Seeley, Lansing
- Tom Shawver, Lansing
- President, Francis R. "Bus" Spaniola, Corunna
- Paul Tarr, Lansing
- Louise W. Stilwill, East Lansing
- Tom Truscott, Lansing
- Bill Wellman, East Lansing
- Adriana Greci Green, Detroit
- Geneva Wiskemann, Lansing

The Friends would like to thank Mary Jane Wilson, who is leaving the board, for her many years of enthusiastic service in preserving and promoting Michigan history. Good luck, Mary Jane!

## Thank You to Our Renewing Friends

Phyllis J. Ammons

Glen Arnold

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# Call for Odyssey nominations



Sometimes an educator goes beyond teaching and becomes a guide to students' discoveries. The Michigan Historical Center Foundation is looking for elementary teachers who lead their students on a journey into Michigan's past. This is the beginning of Odyssey 2005.

Odyssey is an endeavor of the Michigan Historical Center Foundation to support history education and to honor exceptional Michigan history teachers. All Michigan elementary school teachers are eligible. Nominations must be postmarked by June 30, 2005. Teachers chosen will receive their award and a \$500 check at a gala reception on Saturday, November 5. For more information, telephone (517) 373-2565 or visit [www.michiganhistory.org](http://www.michiganhistory.org).

## The Michigan Historical Museum recently received the following artifact donations. Many thanks to the generous donors of these items from Michigan history.

If you would like to make an artifact donation, please telephone Eve Weipert, curator of collections and exhibits, at (517) 373-1509 or send e-mail to [weiperte@michigan.gov](mailto:weiperte@michigan.gov).

USPS course plotter

MSU basketball programs

— John Halsey, East Lansing

Mid-20th-century Mackinac Island souvenir card

—\*Stephen Laux, Laingsburg

1976 RCA VideoCassette Recorder

—\*Peter R. Schmitz, Lansing

Teacher contract

Teacher certificate

Letter from superintendent

Piece of the 7th Michigan Infantry flag

— Donna Perry, Lansing

Wheelbarrow used by peddler Jim Roach

—\*Hilda Nacker and Henry Burkhardt, Livonia

Colt 62 long barrel pistol of Civil War Captain

(later Brigadier General) Elisha Mix

—\*Alan Mix Corvallis, OR, and

\*Gregory N. Mix, Danville, CA

Wool coat with fur trim, belonged to Helen Milliken

—\*Eleanor Smith, Lansing

Red Cross Life Saving Methods booklet

CCC photos (to State Archives)

—\*Doris A. McWilliams, Macomb

Souvenir apron from Governor William

Milliken's Beefsteak Birthday Bash

— Janet Guinter, Lansing

Pop bottle from Ionia Beverage Company

— Kenneth Howe, Holt

22 mason canning jars

—\*Evelyn Jackson, Haslett

Michigan Sesquicentennial Christmas ornament

— Mrs. Ellen Sue Hamburger, Pentwater

High school, wedding and funeral ephemera

— Ivan Beal, Perrinton

1927 flapper style wedding dress

—\*Antoinette Martell, Mason

1871 wedding dress and clothing

— Julia Malitz, Laingsburg

Clothing belonging to donor's mother

— Shirley Hanna, St. Johns

### From State Agencies

Forest fire posters (Smokey the Bear), 1960-1970s

—MDNR Parks & Recreation Division

4 telephones from Tawas Point Lighthouse

—East Tawas State Harbor

\* = First-time donor



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ber of The Friends of Nankin Mills, raising more than \$1 million to restore the site and adapt it for use as an interpretive center, and a founding organizer and current board member of the MotorCities National Heritage Area.

**Chief Tom Wibert, City of East Lansing Police Department.** Wibert, an East Lansing police officer since 1985, has devoted much time and effort to documenting and sharing the history of the East Lansing Police Department (ELPD). He worked with the families of the city's former police chiefs to assemble their uniforms, badges and other items, dating back 60 years, into a permanent display in the ELPD conference room. Wibert researched and developed a program on the police department's history that is presented to employees and those who attend ELPD's Citizens Police Academy education program. He also created an ELPD history lesson that is now included as part of all police officers' training

and has led to topic-specific presentations for local community groups. Wibert's research has made him a sought-after speaker, giving his dynamic presentation on the history of East Lansing civil disorders to many groups, schools and the YMCA. He is also actively involved in the East Lansing Historical Society.

**Kendall Wingrove, Manager of Internal Communication, House Republican Communications Office.** A long-time press secretary with the Michigan House of Representatives, Wingrove has helped preserve and share Michigan's history in a variety of ways. He spearheaded a memorable and moving ceremony at the State Capitol to mark the 60th anniversary of the D-Day invasion, played an instrumental role in the yearlong celebration of the Capitol's 125th anniversary in 2004 and helped to organize events in Port Huron commemorating the 125th anniversary of Thomas Edison's invention of the light bulb.

It is Wingrove's research and writings, however, that are a lasting contribution to preserving Michigan's past. He produced a special edition of the legislative newsletter *The Messenger* featuring photos and remembrances of World War II, wrote a series of articles in *The Messenger* about the State Capitol's history, organized the production of a brochure about the veterans materials in and around the State Capitol and wrote feature stories on the history of local citizens for *The Voice* newspapers in St. Clair and Macomb Counties. Wingrove has twice had articles published in *Michigan History* magazine.

The Swainson Award is named for late Governor John B. Swainson, whose passion for Michigan's history carried over into his retirement when he served on the Michigan Historical Commission. The Swainson Award was established two years after his 1994 death.

## Welcome to Our New Friends

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Robert Feldkamp  
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Douglas George  
Megan Goff  
Brian Golden  
Jeffrey Goralski  
Patricia Grazler  
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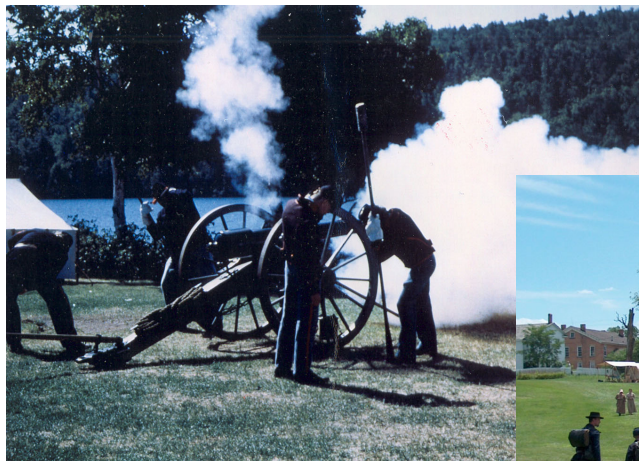
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# Michigan and the Civil War



August 5 - 7  
 Fort Wilkins  
 Copper Harbor



July 16 - 17  
 Walker Tavern  
 Brooklyn

**G**asoline is expensive and time is short. Why spend hours on the road traveling to a Civil War battlefield out of state, when Union and Confederate skirmishes are taking place this summer almost in your own backyard? Whether you live or vacation in the Upper Peninsula or the Lower Peninsula, you can enjoy two Civil War encampments hosted by the Michigan Historical Museum System, in cooperation with reenactment regiments. Find out what life was like for the 90,000 Michiganians who served the Union. For more information, telephone (517) 373-3559 or visit [www.michiganhistory.org](http://www.michiganhistory.org).

## Join Us!

Become a partner with the Michigan Historical Center in protecting, preserving and interpreting Michigan's rich heritage.

### Your membership benefits include:

- A one-year subscription to *Michigan History* magazine
- A 10% discount at the Michigan Historical Museum stores
- Discounts on museum classes and workshops
- Nationwide museum discounts through "Time Travelers"
- *The Insider* quarterly newsletter
- Qualified to join State Employee Credit Union (SECU)
- Special invitations to exhibit openings
- Membership card
- Tax benefits when you itemize your IRS tax return

### For more information:

(517) 373-2565.

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## Day camp at the museum

**T**he Friends of Michigan History is pleased to once again sponsor Summer Sizzles day camp at the Michigan Historical Museum in Lansing. Now in its sixth year, Summer Sizzles brings history to life for children aged 9 through 12. Camps offer a variety of themes, activities and schedules. Register your camper today—space is limited. For more information, visit the Michigan Historical Center web site at [www.michiganhistory.org](http://www.michiganhistory.org), or telephone Jo Anne Arasim at (517) 373-1905.

### Summer Sizzles

The original history day camp at the museum offers an exciting overview of Michigan's past.

Session 1: June 20 - 24, 9 A.M. to noon

Session 2: July 11 - 15, 1 to 4 P.M.

Session 3: July 25 - 29, 9 A.M. to noon

Session 4: August 8 - 12, 1 to 4 P.M.

### Gene Sprouts - specialty day camp

The Michigan Historical Museum teams up with the Library of Michigan to help children discover their family history.

Session 1: June 23 - 24, 1 to 4 P.M.

Session 2: August 11 - 12, 9 A.M. to noon



*Children aged 9 to 12 enjoy a variety of hands-on activities at the Michigan Historical Museum's Summer Sizzles day camp.*

### Ethnic Crafts - specialty day camp

Children get a rare opportunity to discover crafts from around the world.

July 19 - 21, 1 to 4 P.M.

### SUMMER FUN *continued*

*August 13 - 14*

**Iron Ore and the Civil War.** This Civil War encampment brings the historic era to life. Michigan Iron Industry Museum, Negaunee. Events begin 9:30 A.M. both days.

*August 14*

**Vintage Baseball, Game 2.** Take in a 19th-century baseball game. Hartwick Pines Logging Museum, Grayling. 1 P.M.

*August 16*

**The American on the Endurance: William L. Blakewell's Adventure to the Antarctic.** Michigan Iron Industry Museum, Negaunee. 2 P.M.

*August 27 - 28*

**Black Iron Days.** Hartwick Pines Logging Museum, Grayling. Events begin 10 A.M. both days.

For more information about any event, visit [www.michiganhistory.org](http://www.michiganhistory.org) or telephone (517) 373-3559; TDD (517) 373-1592.

**Next Friends meeting: Monday, July 11, 2005**